

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification by amending paragraph [0026] to read as follows:

[0026] The clamp 110 is preferably a generally elongated strip comprised of a first portion 112 having a free end 114 and a connected end 116. A top face 118 extends between the free end 114 and the connected end 116. Optionally, the top face 118 may include at least one longitudinal rib 119 extending outwardly therefrom, or two such ribs as shown. A bottom face 120, disposed away from the top face 118, also extends between the free end 114 and the connected end 116. Catheter-engaging surfaces of the top and bottom faces are seen to be free of sharps that otherwise would damage the catheter(s) upon clamping. The clamp 110 is further comprised of a second portion 122 having a free end 124 and a connected end 126. A top face 128 extends between the free end 124 and the connected end 126. Optionally, the top face 128 may include at least one longitudinal rib 129 extending outwardly therefrom. Preferably, the at least one longitudinal rib 129 is offset from the at least one longitudinal rib 119 on the first portion 112. A bottom face 130, disposed away from the top face 128, also extends between the free end 124 and the connected end 126. The second portion 122 also preferably includes a gripping ring 138 disposed at the free end 124. The gripping ring 138 facilitates gripping the clamp 110 by the inserting physician during catheter insertion.